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OF TERRITORIAL SEA, EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND CONTINENTAL  
SHELF BETWEEN OPPOSITE AND ADJACENT STATES - SEP. 14

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1. CHAIRMAN AGUILAR HELD MEETING OF SMALL CONSULTATIVE  
GROUP ON DELIMITATION (ARTS. 14, 62, 71). THE GROUP, CON-  
SISTING OF 33 COUNTRIES (INCLUDING US), HELD FIRST  
AND LAST MEETING OF SESSION. THERE WERE NO REAL NEGO-  
TIATIONS DURING MEETING, RATHER, MOST DELEGATIONS  
REITERATED PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS. EXCEPTIONS WERE  
CANADA, WHO AMENDED THEIR OWN PREVIOUS PROPOSAL ON  
ART. 62(1) AND JAPAN, WHO PROPOSED AN ADDITION TO  
SPANISH PROPOSAL ON ART. 62(3). (SEE REFTTEL)

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2. CANADIANS OFFERED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL BY AMENDING

PREVIOUS PROPOSAL PER REFTEL. REWRITTEN ARTICLE 62(1)

WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE 1. THE DELIMITATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE  
ECONOMIC ZONE BETWEEN ADJACENT AND OPPOSITE STATES  
SHALL BE EFFECTED BY AGREEMENT EMPLOYING THE MEDIAN OR  
EQUIDISTANCE LINE OR ANOTHER LINE AS MAY BE  
JUSTIFIED BY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN ORDER TO REACH  
AN EQUITABLE RESULT. UNQUOTE

CANADIAN COMPROMISE ON OWN PROPOSAL RECEIVED LITTLE  
SUPPORT. AMONG NATIONS OPPOSING MEDIAN LINE METHOD OF  
DELIMITATION, ONLY ARGENTINA INDICATED A WILLINGNESS  
TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT NEW CANADIAN PROPOSAL. THOSE  
WHO SUPPORTED PREVIOUS CANADIAN PROPOSAL GAVE NO SUPPORT  
TO NEW PROPOSAL. (UK, JAPAN, MALTA, GREECE, CYPRUS,  
SWEDEN) CANADA MENTIONED BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH  
US IN LOW KEY MANNER. US DID NOT RESPOND.

3. JAPAN PROPOSED AN ADDITION TO SPANISH PROPOSAL TO

ART. 62(3). AT CONCLUSION OF PROPOSAL, ADD:

QUOTE UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED UPON BY A PROVISIONAL  
ARRANGEMENT. UNQUOTE

JAPAN WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY THOSE WHO SUPPORT SPANISH  
PROPOSAL. PORTUGAL REINTRODUCED PREVIOUS PROPOSAL ON  
INTERIM MEASURES DURING BOUNDARY DISPUTES. COLOMBIA,  
SPAN, KENYA, UK, JAPAN, FRG, AND ARGENTINA OPPOSED  
PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL. THEREFORE, SOME OPPOSITION CAME FROM BOTH  
SIDES OF ARGUMENT. AT CLOSE OF MEETINGN PORTUGUESE  
REPRESENTATIVE OFFERED TO AMEND PROPOSAL AT LATER DATE.

4. FRANCE PROPOSED DELETION OF PHRASE QUOTE EMPLOYING,

WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE MEDIAN OR EQUIDISTANT LINE

UNQUOTE IN ART 62(1) IN RSNT.

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